

Biography

Col. Charles Callahan

Commander



Colonel Chuck Callahan graduated from Rutgers College in 1979 with a commission as a Second Lieutenant in the Infantry. After attending Infantry Officer's Basic Course, he received his Doctorate in Medicine from the New Jersey School of Osteopathic Medicine in 1984. His pediatric training was at Walter Reed Army Medical Center from 1984-1987. He served as a general pediatrician at Darnall Army Community Hospital, Fort Hood, Texas, until 1990. His fellowship in pediatric pulmonology was at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children in Philadelphia, Penn., from 1990-1993.

After fellowship, he was assigned to Tripler Army Medical Center in Honolulu, Hawaii, where he served as Chief of Pediatric Pulmonology, Director of the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit and Pediatric Residency Program, and Chief of the Department of Pediatrics. He was promoted to the rank of Colonel in May 2002. Colonel Callahan served as Pediatric Consultant to the Surgeon General from July 2003 to 2007. He holds a professorship in pediatrics at the Uniformed Services University for the Health Sciences.

He is a graduate of Infantry and Army Medical Department's Officer's Basic and Advanced Courses, the Command and General Staff College, Combined Humanitarian Response Training (CHART), the Health Emergencies in Large Populations (HELP) courses, and the Army War College. In 2004, he deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom as the Chief of Professional Services for the 8th Medical Brigade. He served as the Deputy Commander for Clinical Services (Chief Medical Officer) at Walter Reed Army Medical Center from November 2005 to June 2008. He then commanded the DeWitt Army Community Hospital and Health Care Network at Fort Belvoir from 2008 to 2010. In July 2010, he became the first Army officer to serve as Deputy Commander/Chief of Staff (Chief Operating Officer) at National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, and held the same role as the medical center transitioned to become Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in 2011.

His awards include the Order of Military Medical Merit and the "A" Proficiency Designator from the Army Medical Department, the Legion of Merit with three oak leaf clusters, the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters and the 2004 Lewis Aspey Mologne Award from the Surgeon General for Academic Excellence in the Army Medical Corps. In March 2002 he was elected to the Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society by the Gamma Chapter of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Bethesda, Md.

Dr. Callahan is board certified in pediatrics and pediatric pulmonology. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics, has received numerous teaching awards, authored more than one hundred articles, abstracts, books and book chapters on subjects including pediatrics, pulmonology, leadership and parenthood. He has been awarded more than two million dollars in grants for asthma and telemedicine research.

He and his wife of thirty years, Linda, live with the youngest of their seven children on Fort Belvoir.